Flag Worship Breakout Session



What is a flag?

flag flæg –noun

a piece of cloth, varying in size, shape, color, and design, usually attached at one edge to a staff or cord, and used as the symbol of a nation, state, or organization, as a means of signaling, etc.

ensign; standard; banner; pennant.

APA: flag. (n.d.). *Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.0.1)*. Retrieved September 12, 2006, from Dictionary.com website: <u>http://dictionary.reference.com/search?q=flag</u>

Flags and banners in scripture

- The Bible refers to the word flag as "standard" or "banner." The Hebrew word degel is translated as, a flag or banner or standard. Degel comes from the Hebrew root word dagal, meaning to flaunt, i.e. raise a flag; to be conspicuous, setting up with banners.
- Banner is defined as a flag or cloth standard.
- Standard is defined as a banner used as an emblem, marker or rallying point; an ensign; military or personal flag.

Organized the Hebrews

- In the Old Testament, Yahweh commands Moses to instruct the children of Israel to camp by their own "standard" to signify their tribe. (Num. 2:2)
- There were 12 different flags or banners for the 12 tribes. (Num. 1:52, 2:2-3, 10, 18, 25; 10:14, 18, 22, 25)
 - Numbers 1:52 And the sons of Israel shall camp, each man by his own camp, and each man by his own standard(banner), according to their armies.

Scripture

- Yahweh Nissi Exodus 17:15 And Moses built an altar, and named it The Lord is My Banner.
- Song 6:4 You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my darling, as lovely as Jerusalem, as awesome as an army with banners.
 - Psalm 20:5 We will sing for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

Scripture

- Psalm 60:4 Thou hast given a banner to those who fear Thee, That it may be displayed because of the truth.
- Isaiah 11:10 Then it will come about in that day that the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, who will stand as a signal(banner) for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious.
 - Isaiah 62:10 Go through, go through the gates; clear the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; remove the stones, lift up a standard(flag) over the peoples.

Flags communicate messages through

- Symbols
- Color

- Shape
- Size
- Motion
- Music



Flags are symbols...

What are you thinking now?







White: The Bride, purity, surrender, holiness, righteousness, light, joy, angels, saints, peace, triumph, victory

Black:

darkness, evil,

sin, famine,

humility

Red: blood of Yeshua, cleansing justification, atonement, war, death, love, life, redemption, sacrifice

Amber:

the glory of Yahweh, fiery passion, flaming throne of Yahweh, the temple of Yahweh, wisdom

Green: eternal life, vigor, prosperity, mercy, restoration, healing, new beginning

Blue: revealed Yahweh, grace, divinity, the Priesthood, authority, the Holy Spirit, heaven

Purple: royalty, kingship, majesty, Mediator, wealth, penitence

Silver: the Word of Yahweh, redemption, divinity, righteousness, strengthened faith

Gold: Eternal Deity, Yahweh, glory, purification, majesty, righteousness, Divine Light, kingliness, trial by fire

Shapes....

The familiar rectangle



Flags can be











Banners and streamers can often be very long and flowing...



Size

- Any size flag can be used, however here are some considerations that may limit your size:
- The room available to move in and around
- What size you can physically handle, flags can be very heavy when they get bigger
- Expense, the more material, the greater the cost for fabric, poles and more elaborate the way of attaching the flag to the pole or handle

Motion How you move conveys a message: Fast vs. slow, smooth vs. jerky, large sweeping motions vs. small

Music

The tempo, beat, lyrics, and message of the song have to be considered when you are designing a dance or flag dance to create unity in the presentation.
A fast moving dance to a slow song

causes disharmony

Lets get specific.....

- Care of flags
- How to make flags
- Costumes and dress
- Modesty
- Attitude
- Neighbors
- Ideas....

Care of flags

Flags are a prop, a simple tool

Stewards



Fabric types

- Silk Essence
- Nylon rip stop
- Lame
- Tribeca
- Poly-silks
- Polyester lining
- Any fabric that flows

 How to make flags
 Square or rectangle flag: Take a single layer or double layer of cloth



Hem the edges or put a anti-fray product down each unfinished edge.

Put a channel down one side so that a wooden dowel or PVC pipe will fit. Sew the top of the channel closed.

Gaffer's tape or painter's tape

No sew flags

Use anti-fray products to seal the edge or buy a fabric that won't fray.

Use tape to hold the top and bottom of the flag to your pole.

Other methods of attaching fabric...

Velcro strip and tabs:



More complicated....



Multiple colors and fabrics

My favorite flags
Swing flag
Hand flag



Costume and dress

Unity

Color

Dress....pants or skirts?

Skirts

Modesty

- Check a mirror
- Make sure your skirt or pants go all the way down and all the way up. No belly dancers
- Ladies, bend over in front of a mirror.



Neighbors

- Respectful
- Space
- Watch out
- Poles
- You are responsible
- Follow your leader

Worship dance vs. Presentation dance

To me worship dance is like a watercolor painting.

Presentation dance is like an acrylic painting.

Worship Dance





Presentation

Dance

Ideas.... Where do they come from?

- Music
- Internet
- Other people
- Yahweh
- Pictures
- Fabric
- An emotion